GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3521
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MINORS AMONG MAOIST
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that Maoist are forcibly recruiting minors in their ranks as child soldiers in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has received any report that Nepalese citizens working as domestic helps and labourers in the country are also being recruited into Maoist ranks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Inputs suggest that the Maoists periodically engage in recruiting minors into their ranks from some areas of their strongholds in the Country and occasionally approach the villagers for providing a youth member from each family.

(c) & (d): There are no inputs to suggest that Maoists plan to recruit Nepali citizens working as domestic helps and labourers in the Country,into their ranks.

(e): A wide range of security and development measures have been put in place,to wean away the youth from the Maoist ideology.Naxal problem is being effectively dealt with by the concerned State Governments.The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of the States through a variety of ongoing schemes.